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### **REMARKS**

This is in response to the Office action mailed February 17, 2004. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

### **Claim Amendments**

Claims 67-71 and 76-78 have been cancelled without prejudice, thereby rendering the rejections thereof moot. These claims may be prosecuted in a continuation application. Claims 12, 72 and 75 have been amended, without prejudice, in order to expedite allowance of claims. Original versions of these claims may also be prosecuted in a continuation application. No new matter has been added.

### **35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph Rejections**

Claims 12, 70, 72 and 75-77 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter not described in the specification. Claims 70 and 76-77 have been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Claims 12 and 72 has been amended to remove "or animal." Claim 75 has been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 12, 70, 72 and 75-77 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, be withdrawn upon reconsideration

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**35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph Rejection**

Claim 67 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claim 67 has been cancelled, without prejudice, thus rendering the rejection moot. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 67 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, be withdrawn upon reconsideration.

**35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections**

Claims 67-69, 70, 71, 77 and 78 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 67-71 and 77-78 have been cancelled without prejudice, thus rendering the rejection moot. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 67-69, 70, 71, 77 and 78 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn upon reconsideration.

**Rejection Under the Judicially Created Doctrine of  
Obviousness-Type Double Patenting**

Claims 1, 2, 10-13, 67-73 and 75-78 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-51 of U.S. Patent No. 6,526,675. Applicant encloses herewith an appropriate terminal disclaimer to overcome this rejection.

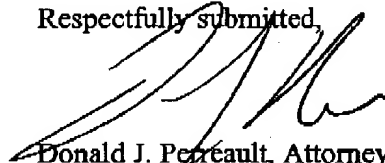
Applicant respectfully submits that all of the presently pending claims are now in a condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Early allowance is earnestly solicited. In the event the Examiner deems personal contact desirable in disposition of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the

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undersigned attorney at (603) 668-6560. Also, in the event there are any fee deficiencies, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account No. 50-2121.

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